

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Amend the Title as follows:

IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH NOTIFICATION OF REMAINING LIFE OF
IMAGE FORMING UNIT AND PROHIBITION OF IMAGE IMPROVEMENT OPERATION

Replace paragraph [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] The above and further objects and novel features of the invention will more fully appear from the following detailed description when the same is read ~~a~~ in connection with the accompanying drawings. It is to be expressly understood, however, that the drawings are for the purpose of illustration only and are not intended as a definition of the limits of the invention.